

WINSTON-SALEM FINANCE COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL MEETING

August 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated due to the Safer At Home Order, all Committee Members are participating virtually. For virtual meetings, Committee Members will be muted until asked to be heard. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to conduct a roll call vote. A Committee Member will be recognized, and will raise their hand and state their vote.

Present:

Council Member Robert C. Clark, Chair; Mayor Pro-Tem Denise D. Adams, Vice Chair; Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member James Taylor Jr.

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Allen Joines, Council Member John C. Larson, Council Member Annette Scippio, and Council Member Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Clark stated the Committee would consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed. He noted items C-9 and C-13 would be removed by Staff. C-1, C-6, C-12, C-14, C-15, and C-18 were removed for discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams made a motion, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-2. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Fee Simple Right-of-Way to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an Agency of the State of North Carolina, Related to the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-274 (Unincorporated Land in Forsyth County).

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-3. Resolution Authorizing Fee Simple Acquisition of Property for the Peace Haven at Allistair Traffic Signal Installation Project by Deed or Condemnation. (West Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-4. Consideration of Items Regarding Contract for Installation of a New Traffic Signal at Peacehaven Road and Allistair Road:

Resolution Awarding Contract for Installation of a New Traffic Signal at Peacehaven Road and Allistair Road (West Ward) - Garrett James Company, LLC - \$116,000.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift Deed from Ramey Properties, LLC and Hubbard Realty of Winston-Salem, Inc. (Southeast Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant From The North Carolina Governors Highway Safety Program for Eleventh Year Funding of the Forsyth County Joint DWI Task Force and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem, the County of Forsyth, and the Town of Kernersville, to Accept Grant Funding and Execution of a Mutual Assistance Agreement Between the Same Parties for Continued Implementation of the DWI Joint Task Force - \$138,676.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Consideration of Items Relating to the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Acceptance of a Grant Award from the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program for the BikeSafe Regional Coordinator Position - \$5,000.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-10.** Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Fiscal Year 2019 And Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Transit Administration Formula Program Section 5307 Funding Allocation Agreement With Davidson County Transportation.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-11.** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Willis Towers Watson Analytical Insurance Services, Inc. to Provide Employee Benefits Consulting Services - \$97,500.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-16.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Bolton Park Renovations (Southwest Ward) - ASJ Wilson Construction, LLC - \$184,400.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-17.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for W.R. Anderson Gym Renovation (Southeast Ward) - Dalton Contracting, LLC - \$206,800.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-19.** Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Winston Lake Phase 2 Improvements (East Ward) - Hodgin Construction Co. - \$2,756,195.
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-20.** Resolution Awarding Contract for the Purchase with Installation of Soccer Field Lighting (North and Southwest Wards) - Musco Sports Lighting, LLC - \$1,117,000.
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-21.** Approval of Finance Committee Summary of Minutes.
Approved by the Consent Vote.
- C-9.** Resolution Authorizing a Revised Agreement with Winston-Salem State University for the Lease of Space in Union Station (East Ward).
This item was withdrawn from consideration by staff.
- C-13.** Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Street Smart Communications Software - Street Smart, LLC - \$181,200.
This item was withdrawn from consideration by staff.
- C-1.** Consideration of Items Relating to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina:
Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
Mayor Pro-Tem Adams stated staff will be bringing forth a Budget 101 for citizens, beginning with Police Budget.
Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, stated Budget will provide a list of equipment listed in the Project Budget Ordinance.
Mayor Pro-Tem Adams requested information regarding the issues with the roof at the Joycelyn V. Johnson Municipal Service Center.
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be forwarded without recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor
- C-6.** Consideration of Items Regarding the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant:

Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to Share a 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Council Member Taylor removed this item for discussion and stated he would like to use the grant funds to purchase more real time cameras and related video software to deal with gun violence and drug activity.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, stated typically the funds need to be specified and requested more time to discuss with staff regarding real time cameras in neighborhoods.

Natoshia Miles, Assistant Chief Winston-Salem Police Department, provided a staff report for this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to Share a 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award and Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be forwarded without recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-12. Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Heavy Duty Low Floor Hybrid Electric Buses - New Flyer of America, Inc. - \$6,348,992.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report.

Council Member Larson requested information regarding if the entire fleet is being upgraded to hybrid buses.

A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Heavy Duty Low Floor Hybrid Electric Buses to New Flyer of America, Inc. be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-14. Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Police Pursuit Vehicles - Asheville Ford, LLC - \$2,042,670.60.

Council Member Larson, removed this item for discussion.

William Penn, Assistant Chief Winston-Salem Police Department, provided the staff report.

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Adams, that the Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Police Pursuit Vehicles to Asheville Ford, LLC be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor-Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-15. Consideration of Items Related to Screen Fence Installation at Truist Stadium: (Northwest Ward)

Resolution Awarding Contract for Installation of Screen Fence at Truist Stadium - Seegars Fence Company of Greensboro, Inc. - \$102,165.23.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams removed this item for discussion and asked if this action was necessary at this time.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item noting that this project was requested over a year ago and the funds for this project is a reimbursement from the state and will not utilize city funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Awarding Contract for Installation of Screen Fence at Truist Stadium to Seegars Fence Company of Greensboro, Inc. and Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

C-18. Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Bethania-Freedman's Park (North Ward) - Garanco, Inc. - \$723,900.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams removed this item and stated citizens of the area are concerned about the historical preservation of the park.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams requested the African American Heritage Commission assist with this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Bethania-Freedman's Park to Garanco, Inc. be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

GENERAL AGENDA**G-1.** Consideration of Items Relating to an Economic Development Loan to Front Street Capital:

Resolution Approving an Economic Development Loan to Front Street Capital - \$2,500,000.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Evan Raleigh, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Mayor Joines spoke regarding his support of this item.

Council Member Scippio requested in the future, staff explain the process of economic development for the public.

Chair Clark requested staff provide the process for Monday night.

Council Member Taylor questioned the City's position on the lien if other loans are acquired from other sources as well as the logistics of pay and creation of jobs.

Coleman Team and Robin Team, representatives for Front Street Capital, provided additional information and answered questions.

Council Member Taylor requested a balance of the economic development loan fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Approving an Economic Development Loan to Front Street Capital, and Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

G-2. Presentation on Revenue Update.

Patrice Toney, Budget Director, provided the staff report for this item.

Chair Clark, asked Staff include the mass transit fund in next update.

Information only.**G-3.** Consideration of Items Relating to the Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds:

Resolution Approving the Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Forsyth County for the Grant of those Funds.

Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Approving the Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Forsyth County for the Grant of those Funds, Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Adams, Council Member MacIntosh, and Council Member Taylor

G-4. Consideration of Information on a Resolution Amending Article II of the City of Winston-Salem Personnel Resolution to Combine Position Classifications in Pay Grades 1 and 2 into Pay Grade 3 in Order to Increase the Minimum Hourly Rate to \$14.31.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams provided comments regarding her support for this item.

Council Member Scippio questioned the timing of the pay increase as well as funding. She requested information regarding if the increase was reduced to \$14.00.

Council Member Larson spoke to his support for this item and asked staff to find funding for this pay increase to at least \$14.00.

Council Member MacIntosh spoke to his support for this item.

Council Member Taylor spoke to his support for his item.

Council Member Clark noted the difficulty of the budget and stated although he supports the pay increase, he request more time to determine the full scope of budget issues.

Information only.

G-5. Update on Bowman Gray Stadium Improvements Project. (East Ward)

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Mayor Joines noted the importance of keeping the Chancellor and staff of Winston-Salem State informed regarding the progress of the upgrades.

Council Member Scippio stated contractors and staff should take advantage of football season being canceled for this year.

Information only.

G-6. Information on Potential Process Changes for Community Agency Funding and Contracting.

Scott Tesh, Performance and Accountability Director, provided the staff report.

Chair Clark suggested Mr. Tesh contact each Council Member individually regarding their thoughts of the process of Community Agency Funding.

G-7. Information on Request for Financial Assistance from SHARE Co-op for the Development of Harvest Market (South Ward).

Chair Clark stated this item will be considered at the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.